THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

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WRIT PETITION No.53 of 2003

10.8.2005

Between:

M/s.Kareem Electronics Computerised ChildrensT.V.Video Games,

Golcondafort, Hyderabad

... Petitioner

AND

1. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad and another

... Respondents

ORDER:

The petitioner is the owner of electronics computerized video games shop situated at Jinsibazar, Golconda Fort. His grievance is that though no licence is required under any law, the Police are interfering with his business. He, therefore, seeks a direction to the respondents not to interfere with the business and running video games. Learned Assistant Government Pleader does not dispute the legal position.

The issue raised in the writ petition is covered by the judgment of this Court in W.P.No.1829 of 1999 dated 03.2.1999. Following the same, this writ petition is also disposed of with the following directions:

1. The petitioner who is running the games center for playing video games is not eligible to take out any licence under the A.P.Gambling Act;

2. It is not suggested that the licence is required under the provisions of any other Act;

3. The respondent-Police Officers have no power to interfere with the running of the centers for playing video games on the electronic equipment on the ground that the petitioner does not possess the licence; and

4. If it is felt that the petitioner has contravened any provisions of the Gambling Act, it is not open for the authorities to take action to prosecute the petitioner.

The writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of. No costs.

(**V.V.S. RAO,J**)

August 10, 2005

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